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## Average Cost Care

Each year Child Care Resources of Rockland updates the information on all early care and education programs and providers in our referral database. Most, but not all, of the programs provide us with their fees. This information has been used to determine the average cost of full time child care in Rockland County.

Average Cost of Care Child Care Centers	Full Time Weekly Rate	
	Range	Average
Infants (6 Weeks - 18 Months)	\$250 - 364	\$302
Toddlers (19 Months - 35 Months)	\$130 - 337	\$253
Preschoolers (3-5 years old)	\$120 - 434	\$263
School Age (5-12years old)	\$100 - 300	\$245
Hourly Part Time School Age (5-12years old)	\$7 - \$10	\$8
<b>Family/Group Family Child Care Providers</b>		
Infants (6 Weeks - 23 Months)	\$120 - 325	\$240
Toddlers (24 Months - 35 Months)	\$120 - 315	\$232
Preschoolers (3-5 years old)	\$75 - 300	\$233
School Age (5-12years old)	\$75 - 250	\$223
Hourly Part Time School Age (5-12years old)	\$6 - 10	\$8
<b>School Age Programs</b>		
Hourly Part Time School Age (5-12years old)	\$6 - \$10	\$8

## Parents and the High Cost of Child Care: 2012 Update

Child Care Aware® of America's new report found that child care is expensive and costs are rising all over the country, beyond the reach of many families. New York is behind only Massachusetts in terms of average costs of center-based care for infants. New York is now the least affordable state for center-based care for a 4 year old and a school-age care child.

## Benefits Calculator

Child care is expensive. Parents want the best early care and learning program for their children but also have to consider child care costs when making their decisions. Taking advantage of public benefit programs can improve families' overall economic situation and free up resources that can be used for child care.

New York State has developed myBenefits, a screening tool to help New York residents find out if they are eligible for a variety of health and human services programs. The site offers assistance with applications and other information including tax credits.

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